

I. Amendments to the Specification

Enclosed is a substitute specification that contains the application as originally filed as well as amendments incorporated therein. It is respectfully requested that the substitute specification be used for examination purposes of the subject application. No new matter is presented as prohibited by 35 U.S.C. 132 and an appropriate Declaration of the undersigned is attached thereto.

The substitute specification is being presented at this time in lieu of an extensive amendment to the specification as originally filed in an effort to present the Examiner with a document that is in compliance with the United States Patent Office rules and thereby facilitate examination of the application. Further, as it appears that the Patent Office is now requiring a substitute specification when extensive amendments are made to an application, Applicant's attorney believes that entry of the substitute specification will reduce the clerical burden placed on the Patent Office by eliminating the need to enter the amendments by hand to the originally filed application as well as reduce the expenses associated therewith.

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 608.01(q), a copy of the originally filed application illustrating the amendments incorporated into the substitute specification is enclosed herewith.